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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) A handwriting recognition system as claimed in claim 1, in which

A1 the sampling means, filtering means and classifier are implemented in a digital computer environment.